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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR ICE OFFICERS TO ESCORT
DEPORTEE RAMNAUTH THROUGH BARBADOS TO GUYANA

REF: JAGESHWAR RAMNAUTH (A# 047709660), ICE cable
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¶1. Embassy Bridgetown grants country clearance for ICE officers Joseph Cicatello and Scott Wolfe to escort Jageshwar Ramnauth through Barbados to Guyana on January 16, 2005. RSO understands that the escorts will stay at Le Meridein Hotel located in Georgetown, Guyana.

¶2. Embassy RSO has notified Barbados authorities of the details of the visit. Understand that further Embassy assistance is not required. If you have any questions, please contact Sean A Nedd at Embassy Bridgetown Tel:(246) 436-4950, x2430 or Fax: 1 246/430-3747, E-mail: Neddsal@state.gov. For 24-hour contact please access the embassy number and extension 2210.

¶3. Unfortunately, post's resources do not allow us the flexibility to meet and assist visitors at the airport. However, Customs and Immigration are visitor-friendly. The exchange rate is approximately 2.00 BD\$ for 1 U.S. Dollar. U.S. currency, traveler's checks, and credit cards are routinely and widely accepted here.

¶4. Entry requirements: A valid U.S. Passport is required for entry to Barbados. No visa is required if your stay is under six months, including those travelers arriving with diplomatic or official passports. For further information, travelers may contact the Embassy Bridgetown, telephone 436-4950.

¶5. Departure tax for Barbados is \$25.00 BD or \$13.00 USD. Persons traveling on Diplomatic Passports are exempt from this departure tax.

¶6. The following is general information pertaining to security and health considerations throughout the Eastern Caribbean:

SECURITY

In the Eastern Caribbean, foot travel outside of well-established tourist areas is not generally recommended, especially at night. Be vigilant when using public telephones or ATM facilities near roadsides or quiet areas. As in many U.S. metropolitan areas, wearing expensive jewelry, carrying expensive objects, or carrying large amounts of cash should be avoided. Visitors should also safeguard valuables while at the beach. While hotels are generally safe, many visitors have experienced loss of unattended items. Hotel burglaries are not uncommon and all valuables should be locked in room safes.

HEALTH INFORMATION

In Barbados, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent, the major health threat is dengue fever, transmitted by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito. Persons should therefore protect themselves with insect repellent. There is also a growing incidence of HIV/AIDS. The Eastern Caribbean enjoys clean and safe drinking water. Only routine boosters for immunizations, i.e., Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis and oral polio vaccine are required when traveling to this region. It takes several weeks to become accustomed to the heat and humidity. Prolonged exposure to the sun, without protection, causes sunburn, and may ultimately result in sun-damaged skin or even skin cancer. Sunscreen or sunblock should be used for protection. Barbados has the best medical facilities of all the islands of the Eastern Caribbean, and most of the medical specialties have practitioners here.

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